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ALMA ELEVATOR COMPANY TAKES DISTRIBUTION

WILL HANDLE FLOUR AND CEREALS OF CORNWALL COMPANY IN COUNTY.

Is Constructed New Warehouse

The Alma Elevator Company of this city, under the management of Joseph Watkins, has extended its activities in business fields in the county, and has become the county distributor for the Cornwall Company of Saginaw in Gratiot for flour, cereals, etc., handled by the Saginaw concern.

In order to facilitate the handling of the flour and other goods to be handled, a large warehouse has been constructed during the past few weeks which has a floor space of 2,000 square feet. It is handy to the railroad and also provides places for loading trucks.

Mr. Watkins announced Tuesday that all kinds of feeds would be handled in connection with the new department and that special attention would also be given to custom grinding.

It is the intention of the Alma Elevator Company it was said to handle the flours by wholesale only, but the various feeds to be handled by the new department will also be retailed, as well as sold by wholesale.

Large shipments of flour have already been received by the Alma Elevator Company, which is now actively engaged in the new venture in the county.

Near East Drive Coming Sunday

The Near East Campaign in Alma has been arranged for and the canvass in this city is set for Sunday afternoon.

Volunteer solicitors will go out from the various churches to secure Alma's quota. Pledge cards and coin envelopes have been distributed throughout the city.

Those signing pledge cards or contributing cash may have the amount credited to any organization, society, church, civic club or lodge by so designating the gift or subscription. The treasurer for the Near East Committee will sort the pledges and funds and report the amount to the various societies or churches so that the respective pledges may be properly credited. Those who do not designate their offerings or pledges will be counted as individual subscribers to the fund.

If the canvass is not completed Sunday afternoon the work will be continued during the week until it has been brought to a finish.

The committee recognizes that the conditions are not normal. The pledges or offering is a free will proposition. Small amounts will be as gratefully received as the larger ones.

The committee is hoping the offering will be adequate to meet Alma's quota towards meeting the desperate and imperative needs of these Near East sufferers, who are starving to death by thousands.

The committee consists of the following: Rev. E. E. Shouffer, Rev. W. L. Gelston, Rev. M. W. Duffy, Rev. G. H. Hull, Rev. E. Mellott, Rev. H. P. Anderson, Supt. J. W. Kelder and R. B. Wagner.

Leg Crushed Here Saturday

Roy Emmons was the victim of a bad accident Saturday, being run over by a gravel truck, which went over his leg, crushing it so severely that it was necessary to amputate the limb.

It seems that Emmons was jumping from the gravel truck, which ran over him, and as he hit the ground he slipped, going under the truck. He was taken immediately to Brainard hospital, where it was found that the leg was so badly crushed that amputation would be necessary.

WRIGHT-MEY

A quiet home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wright, 1304 Hickory St., last Tuesday night at 9 o'clock, when their daughter, Leah, was united in marriage to Mr. Paul Mey of Saginaw. The ring ceremony was used. Rev. E. E. Shouffer, pastor of the Baptist church officiated.

A surprise party followed the wedding. The young people of the community came in to congratulate the happy couple and to wish them well in their new home.

After a short wedding trip the young people will be at home to their many friends in Saginaw.

FOR FEDERAL JUDGE



Judge E. J. Moinet

PHI PHI ALPHA HOLDS BANQUET

COLLEGE SOCIETY STAGED LINCOLN BANQUET IN THE C. OF C. HALL.

The Chamber of Commerce hall was the scene of the annual Lincoln Banquet, of Phi Phi Alpha Literary Society, on Saturday night, Feb. 11th.

As usual, it was a gala event, and in the opinion of everyone in attendance, must have outdone all previous Phi Banquets. Weeks had been spent in preparation for the banquet, but the final results more than compensated for the many hours of painstaking labor that the Phi men put in.

Taxis began leaving Wright Hall at 7:15 with exquisitely gowned young ladies, and their male escorts.

By eight o'clock everyone was in the reception room of the Board of Commerce, ready to form the line of march. As their names were called out, couples took their places, and when the line was formed, the music commenced and the march into the banquet hall began.

Everyone looked with admiration at the pretty picture which the room presented. The long tables were enclosed by a veritable canopy of green streamers, giving the effect of a huge tent. Suspended from the top of the tent were huge Phi emblems, whose red and black colors, formed an effective contrast against the green canopy. At intervals along the length of the tables were cleverly contrived fireplaces reminiscent of the time of Lincoln, glowing with a cheerful light. With such a setting, the banquet could not help being a success.

The menu left nothing to be desired, and when the last course had been cleared away, President Wenger arose, and in a few well chosen words, welcomed the guests of the evening, and introduced the toastmaster, Mr. Thomas Dasef was designated on the program as Chief Rail Splitter, and under his able guidance the program proper was launched. Very enjoyable talks were given by Roger Zinn, on the subject of "Hickory Timber," Russell Wilson on "Spits," Hulda Ward on "With the Grain," John Wright on "Wedges and Mails," John Shroyer on "Quarters and Halves," Dale VanDuzen on "Rails," and lastly, Dr. H. M. MacCurdy, talking about "The Great Rail Splitter," gave interesting accounts of Lincoln, and congratulated Phi Phi Alpha, on having such a man as "Honest Abe" for their ideal.

Midway on the program, Miss Mildred Gerow rendered an exquisite piano solo, with a sympathetic touch and feeling, such as only she can give. The banquet ended with the singing of the college song.

In the afternoon, a dance, in conjunction with the banquet, was given in the gym, which, never before in all its history, had been so artistically decorated. The whole gym looked like a bower of evergreens, covered by a roof of green streamers. From every window, shone forth Phi insignia. In every corner of the gym were tastefully arranged cozy-spots for the weary. Everything had been provided for, even to the little green keg, which gave relief to the thirsty.

Bill Gallagher's orchestra provided the music, and getting into the spirit of the occasion, played as they never had played before.

WARN AUTOISTS

Police officials are warning automobile drivers of the city against a tendency that has been shown of late to exceed the speed limit, as they have no other course to take against violators of the traffic ordinances and the state laws, except to arrest them. They have no desire to cause trouble for any of the automobile drivers here, but must insist that the speed limit in the city be observed.

ATTORNEYS OF TWO COUNTIES BACK MOINET

BAR ASSOCIATIONS OF CLINTON AND GRATIOT ENDORSE HIS CANDIDACY.

Boosted For The Federal Judgeship

At a joint session of the bar associations of Gratiot and Clinton counties held at Ithaca on Monday, the two associations unanimously endorsed Judge Edward J. Moinet of the Clinton-Gratiot circuit for the appointment as a federal judge to the newly created Michigan district, nearly all of the members of the associations from the two counties being present at the meeting.

For some little time Judge Moinet has been mentioned as a prominent candidate for the new judgeship, and many of his friends have been working actively in his behalf. The bar associations of the two counties at their meeting Monday, had the opportunity for the first time to endorse Judge Moinet's candidacy for the place.

The resolution, which was adopted by the meeting of the attorneys of the two counties, was offered by the Honorable George P. Stone, president of the Gratiot County Bar Association, and was well supported by the members of the two bar associations previous to its unanimous passage.

The resolution follows: "Whereas, the Hon. E. J. Moinet has been prominently mentioned as a candidate for appointment as a Federal Judge in Michigan; and Whereas, this Bar has had superior opportunity to observe and know of the ability, honesty and fairness, which has characterized the judicial work of Judge Moinet, upon the Bench of the 29th Judicial Circuit during his years of service there;

"Therefore, the Gratiot County Bar Association in regular meeting assembled this 13th day of February, 1922, take great pleasure in cordially endorsing his candidacy for that position; and we assure the appointing power that the appointment of Judge Moinet to such position will reflect credit upon the appointing power, and the Federal Judiciary; and:

"Resolved, that the members of the Clinton County Bar Association this day present in joint meeting, with Gratiot County Bar Association, be invited to take part and to vote upon the adoption of this resolution, inasmuch as such members of the Bar and officers of the Court in the home county of Judge Moinet have an equal opportunity with the Gratiot County Bar of observing his qualifications."

Work Starts On The Monument

Work looking towards the construction of the memorial monument to the late Ammi W. Wright, which has been a subject of discussion for some years by various city councils of the past, has been put under way and it is expected that the memorial monument to the Alma philanthropist will be a reality in the park that bears his name within the coming few months.

An expert stone cutter has been engaged by the city and he is now preparing the stones for the monument, which after they have been cut to the proper size will be brought to the park where the field stone monument is to be built.

The monument will be 14 feet 11 inches in height. There will be two steps leading up to the base of the monument. The first will be 10 feet square and the second 7 feet 4 inches. The base of the monument will be 5 feet 4 inches square, tapering towards the top where it will be three feet square.

The monument will have two drinking fountains, lights on each side and probably one on the top. It will also have a suitable bronze tablet with inscription.

Mayor Charles R. Murphy has appointed a committee consisting of L. A. Sharp, Mrs. William A. Bahlke and Mrs. C. G. Rhodes to decide upon a suitable inscription for the tablet.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

A prize has been offered to the largest family attending and sitting together at the "Whole Family Day" church service in the East Superior Christian church Sunday morning, February 26.

Mr. Mimeograph user. Buy your mimeograph paper at the Record Press Stationery store.—advertisement

Wallace Reid in "The Charm School," Strand Sunday and Monday.—advertisement

Federation Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Alma Council of the Federation of Churches was held last evening at the study of the M. E. church. The officers of last year were re-elected to serve for another twelve months. Among other actions taken were the following:

1. A unanimous vote to back the students of Alma College in an effort they desire to make to secure the State Student Volunteer convention for this city one year hence.

2. A vote to invite member organizations to include women in the representations acting for them in the meetings of the Council. It was felt that the ladies as well as the men should be heard in the Council's deliberations and would have much to contribute to them.

3. A vote to consider a quorum of the Council constituted whenever in any regularly called meeting one half of the member organizations shall be represented and double that number of members be present.

4. The plans for a drive in behalf of the Near East Relief to be conducted next Sunday were reported by the committee having the matter in charge and adopted.

5. The meeting adjourned to reconvene in a week or ten days to consider a report of the committee on Evangelism relative to the annual pre-Easter Evangelistic campaign.

WILL CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY SOON

BIG FEATURES TO MARK MONTH OF MARCH IN THE MOTION PICTURE WORLD.

The motion picture is going to have a birthday party. It will be ten years old in March, and for all of that month ten thousand picture theatres throughout the country are going to unite in a celebration of the tenth anniversary of the youngest of the arts.

Of course, motion pictures are more than ten years old. As a matter of fact, they are now nearly twenty years old. But as a dramatic entertainment they actually had their artistic birth ten years ago when Adolph Zukor persuaded Sarah Bernhardt to star in a multiple-reel feature picture called "Queen Elizabeth."

When Mr. Zukor, now president of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, produced the picture, it was the first production of its kind, the motion picture was a fading novelty—a toy which was beginning to pall on the public's taste.

He knew pictures were in danger of dying from their own mediocrity. Authors and actors alike viewed the film with scorn. Intelligent, discriminating people condemned the "chase pictures," the two-reel thrillers, the custard-pie masterpieces as vulgar, tawdry and dull. And exhibitors were at the mercy of the film manufacturers, who had a monopoly and refused to raise the standard of their productions.

So Mr. Zukor took the bull by the horns and organized his own company. The first picture to be released was "Queen Elizabeth," with no less a celebrity than Sarah Bernhardt in the title role. It was not the first five-reel production ever made, but it was the first production to be released by any company under a fixed policy of making and distributing pictures of that approximate length and quality as a standard. Its release marked the birth of the modern film play—the renaissance of the film industry.

Other features of similar length and starring such people as James K. Hackett, Mrs. Fiske, Mary Pickford, James O'Neill and Lily Langtry followed. Their appearance attracted other producers with similar ideals into the field. Among them was Jesse L. Lasky who interested Cecil B. DeMille, at that time a successful young stage producer of the Belasco school who had recently written the organization of the Jesse L. Lasky Feature Play Company.

Going to California, Mr. Lasky and his associates made "The Squaw Man," with Dustin Farnum in the stellar role. The Lasky studio, Paramount's huge West Coast production center of today, was built around the crude little building where "The Squaw Man" was filmed. The present plant affords more than twenty-five times as much floor space, covering two city blocks in Hollywood, while the nearby Lasky Ranch of 1,200 acres afford a wide variety of scenery for exterior backgrounds.

For March 5, the opening of the anniversary, Paramount, announces day and date of some of the biggest productions. These include Cecil B. DeMille's "Fool's Paradise," Gloria Swanson in "Her Husband's Trade-Mark," Wallace Reid in "The World's Champion," and "The Dragon's Claw," the first of the spectacular UFA production "The Mistress of the World," to be released as a series of four Paramount pictures.

LOCAL DEBATERS SHOULD QUALIFY FOR THE FINALS

HAVE SIXTEEN AND NEED ONE MORE POINT TO GET IN THE ELIMINATION CONTEST.

Rank Among State's Best

The crack Alma High School debating team, which has won four unanimous decisions on the closed shop question, including one forfeit from Big Rapids High, will meet St. Johns here on Friday evening, February 24, on the same question, the Alma team taking the affirmative side of the question.

The locals after their four straight victories feel confident that they can take the measure of the St. Johns team, which is reported to be an exceptionally strong one, with a good argument on the closed shop question. As usual Elliott Crooks, John Holmes and Dore Strong will represent the local high school in the contest.

If the local team secures anything at all in the debate against St. Johns, except the reverse side of a unanimous decision for St. Johns, the Alma High School team will be among the sixteen high school trions of the state that will be selected for the finals in an elimination contest that will bring together the strongest debating teams among the high schools of the state.

Each unanimous verdict won by a high school debating team entitled that team to four points and so far sixteen is the greatest number of points that any debating team can possibly have. Seventeen points are needed to qualify for the finals in debate. The Alma High school forensic artists in their four debates have piled up the largest number of points possible, having the full sixteen to their credit and need one more point to qualify in the finals. This can be secured by even a 2 to 1 decision for the St. Johns team. The local trio hopes, however, to put over another unanimous verdict on the Clinton County team and establish a record that no high school debating team in the state can beat.

Few schools in the state can boast of the perfect record that the Alma team has so far piled up, it being an exceptional record when a high school debating team taking both sides of question goes out and piles up four unanimous decisions such as the local team has done.

Michigan Can Do Much Better

When the Michigan Department of Health a few days ago announced a tuberculosis death rate for Michigan of 70.8 per 100,000 population for 1921, the lowest in the history of the state, there was naturally a rejoicing among all who are engaged in tuberculosis work in this state. But the announcement soon after by the National Tuberculosis association that the city of Framingham, Mass., has succeeded in reducing its tuberculosis death rate to 40 per 100,000 population shows that it is possible to practically cut Michigan's lowest rate in two if the intensive methods are followed that are being used in Framingham.

In Framingham a few years ago the National Tuberculosis association began an experiment to prove that tuberculosis can be practically wiped out. The city is a typical American town of about 12,000 that had a tuberculosis death rate before the experiment began of 121 per 100,000. This has now been cut down to 40 and it is certain that it can be cut down much further.

It is an object lesson for all cities and states, the Michigan Tuberculosis association points out. Any city or state can do what Framingham is doing if it will devote to it the necessary money and effort.

Veterinarians Elect Officers

The Michigan State Veterinary Medical Association, in annual meeting at the Michigan Agricultural College last week, elected the following officers for the coming year. Discussion of various technical questions of interest to the profession and entertainment features marked the two day conference. More than 200 veterinarians were in attendance.

President, Dr. J. E. Wurro, Pigeon; first vice president, Dr. B. F. Killham, State Department of Agriculture, Lansing; second vice president, Dr. J. Preston Hoskins, Detroit; third vice president, Dr. E. J. Cronkite, Saginaw; Secretary-treasurer, Dr. R. A. Rannels, M. A. C., East Lansing.

Seniors To Give Play February 24

Were you ever acquainted with a kleptomaniac, one having the double personality of a respected citizen and of a thief? Worse yet, did you ever imagine yourself to be such a person? Probably not.

This kind of a situation forms the nucleus of the plot in "Stop Thief," the roaring comedy which is to be presented February 24 by the senior class of Alma high school.

The coming attraction is to be one of the best directed, best acted, and best equipped production of its kind ever staged in our city. It is the positive objective of the officers of the presenting class, of the cast, and of the director, to make "Stop Thief" the undenied superior to any and all amateur productions of its kind heretofore shown in Alma. They have declared their intentions and can not compromise. They will not be satisfied with less than the best. It is this untiring effort which will present to Alma the greatest laugh producing play in the history of modern comedy.

TO CREATE ROAD BUILDING RECORD

1922 PROMISES TO BE A RECORD BREAKING YEAR IN ROAD BUILDING.

More than a billion dollars will be spent on city street and rural highway construction in 1922, according to the latest estimates of highway engineers. Of this, more than \$600,000,000 will go for rural highways and the balance for city streets.

Because of the rapid increase in the use of motor vehicles, both for passenger and freight transportation, state highway officials estimate that it will be at least five years before the country catches up with the demand for improved roads.

With road improvement proceeding at such a rapid rate, highway engineers see an economic fallacy in the tendency of some communities to permit the building of what are readily recognized as temporary pavement types. The day of the gravel and macadam roads for heavy traffic is past, they say. The maintenance expenditures which such roads entail make them, in the long run, far more expensive than the permanent types. In every instance engineers are contending for the best possible type because they realize that high first cost means longer service and, consequently, greater economy.

Farmers Form Soil Association

An Association of Michigan farmers interested in soil study and improvement work was launched during the recent Farmers' Week at the Michigan Agricultural College. The organization will be conducted along the same general lines as other cooperative farmers associations in the state, the aim being to bring about better methods of handling Michigan farm soils.

Hon. Jason Woodman, member of the State Board of Agriculture, has been elected president of the newly organized group, and will preside over its activities during the coming year. "There are to be no dues for membership in the soils association," says Dr. M. M. McCool, professor of soils at M. A. C., who is one of the backers of the new organization. "Every farmer in the state who is interested in soils matters is eligible for membership."

"The object of the association will be to stimulate greater interest in permanent, profitable systems of soil management among Michigan farmers. Material bearing on results of cooperative test projects, recent developments in soils methods, etc., will be sent out to the membership."

Northern Wheel Holds Meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Wheel Company was held at the offices of the company here one day last week, at which time all of the directors of last year, who directed the company through what is probably the most critical year of its history, were re-elected.

The directors are Frank W. Ruggles, J. W. Blakely, E. L. Smith, A. C. Chapman and O. A. Allen of Alma, George Billbrough of Remus and William Britton of Saginaw. Officers will be elected later.

The stockholders of the concern were highly interested in the annual reports and were most agreeably surprised at the progress that the company has made during the past year under the management of A. C. Chapman.

ADDRESSES PLEA FOR A BOOSTING SPIRIT IN ALMA

SEVERAL GOOD TALKS MARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON.

Boost Is Word Stop Rumor and

A meeting that took up far more time than is usually taken by the noon day luncheon of the Alma Chamber of Commerce was the one that was held yesterday, at which time several fine addresses were given, all of which were strong pleas to kill off wild rumors and boost Alma, the best little city of its size in Michigan. Professor Roy Hamilton of Alma College presided as chairman of the meeting.

Rev. Duffey was the first speaker, taking the subject of "Civic Loyalty." He called attention to the unkind things that were said of a community because of a lack of interest in the community, and said that nothing was gained by knocking but that rather great harm was done. He asked that something constructive be done or else that the knocking cease. He called attention to four big needs, civic patriotism, an appreciation of the other fellow, fraternity and co-operation.

H. E. Reeves, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, speaking of the relation of the Chamber of Commerce to industries, called attention to the fact that it is as important to aid in the development of industries that a community has, as to get new ones, and that to secure new industries housing conditions, water, sewage, etc., must be of such a nature as to aid in making a community attractive to industry.

Mayor Murphy drew a comparison from figures that have been obtained from twenty communities about the size of Alma to show that Alma's taxes are not high, but low when compared with those that are being paid elsewhere. He stated that he was proud to be the mayor of Alma because he believed it the best city in Michigan. He called attention to the dangers that come from people who cannot get work, and become disgruntled, and urged smiling as a great aid in relieving the disgruntled feelings.

Charles B. Rhodes, as a citizen of the city interested in its industries spoke in regard to the Republic Motor Truck Company Inc. He spoke of the growth of the company, the war, the necessity for temporary financing, and the refunding of the notes, which is now about completed. Of \$2,500,000 he said \$2,000,000 worth were recently exchanged for future notes of this amount. He spoke encouragingly of the future of the company because of the fact that it has the best and most complete line of trucks on the market and because the price of the trucks is right. He told of an eastern director a few years ago who was convinced that the plant was located in the wrong place and how the directors were shown that Alma was the right place, because of its water, its schools, its college, its citizenship, its loyal people, its home owners and the fact that Alma has no labor troubles. He told of plans for development, to better the living condition of the best who were brought here by the company, which were halted by the war. He spoke highly of the work that has been done here by Col. Frank E. Smith, first vice president and general manager of the company.

In closing his address Mr. Rhodes asked for a closer relationship between the Chamber of Commerce and the City Commission for the better solution of the mutual problems which have to do with the development of Alma and for a continuance of the close diplomatic relations between the commission and the industries of the city.

A short talk by C. A. Miller closed the session. He called attention to the fact that much of the prosperity that the people of Alma have enjoyed in the past few years has been due to the Republic and that the people should boost the company, as anything that aids Alma industries aids the people of the city to just that extent.

KANERA-BOGART

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ida Nevins, in this city, on Tuesday afternoon, February 14, at 2:30 Miss Lillian Taylor Bogart was united in marriage to Mr. James Kanera, of Saugatuck, only a few relatives being present at the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Mellott. Immediately after the wedding dinner they left for their home at Saugatuck, where the groom is engaged in business.